

April 4, 2005

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Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

MUR 5651

Dear Mr. Jordan.

This responds to your letter of March 22, 2005 regarding the Blount County (Tennessee) Democrats' campaign for Kerry-Edwards. Mr. Don Sparks writes, "the Treasurer of the Blount County Democratic Party went to a local bank with him to open an account."

The "him" is Joseph Gallagher who served as Chairman of the Blount County Kerry-Edwards campaign. I was the Treasurer of the Blount County Democrats Executive Committee. I did in fact accompany Mr. Gallagher to Home Federal Bank, Maryville Branch where the Executive Committee has its account. I did so to assist Mr. Gallagher's efforts to find an area bank for the K-E campaign. The premise was that it might be good to have both the Kerry-Edwards account and the Executive Committee account with the same bank.

However, at no time was I the Treasurer of the Kerry-Edwards campaign. Mr. Gallagher, for reasons of his own, made a business decision to open a Kerry-Edwards bank account at a different Maryville bank. I worked on the K-E campaign as a volunteer but had no role or input concerning its finances.

I respectfully request that you eliminate my name from the complaint against Joseph Gallagher as specified in MUR 5651

Sincerely,


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